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# The Elba Clipper

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## Elba Police make one arrest stemming from April 17 shooting event

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Elba Police made an arrest Saturday, May 5, in the ongoing investigation of the April 17th shooting incident that ended in the Family Dollar Store parking lot in Elba.

One victim was shot in that incident. He was released from the hospital the same evening as the shooting.

Elba Police Chief Freddy Hanchey said the shooting allegedly began on Martin Luther King Drive, and the victim was transported to the parking lot of the Family Dollar Store, located on Claxton Avenue. Reportedly, gunshots continued in this area as well before police arrived on scene.

On Saturday, May 5, Elba Police located and arrested Anthony Dewayne Stoudemire, age 37, of Elba in regards to this incident. Chief Hanchey said it is not believed that Stoudemire was the one who actually shot the victim; however, he was charged with discharging a firearm into an occupied vehicle during that April 17th incident.

Upon his arrest last Saturday, he subsequently was charged with additional offenses after officers found him in possession of a weapon. The additional charges Stoudemire faces

include unlawful possession of a concealed weapon and possession of a pistol by a felon.

Stoudemire was transported to the Coffee County Jail after his arrest on these charges. His bonds were set at \$20,000 for discharging a firearm into an occupied vehicle; and \$5,000 each for an ex-felon in possession of a firearm and unlawful pistol in a vehicle.

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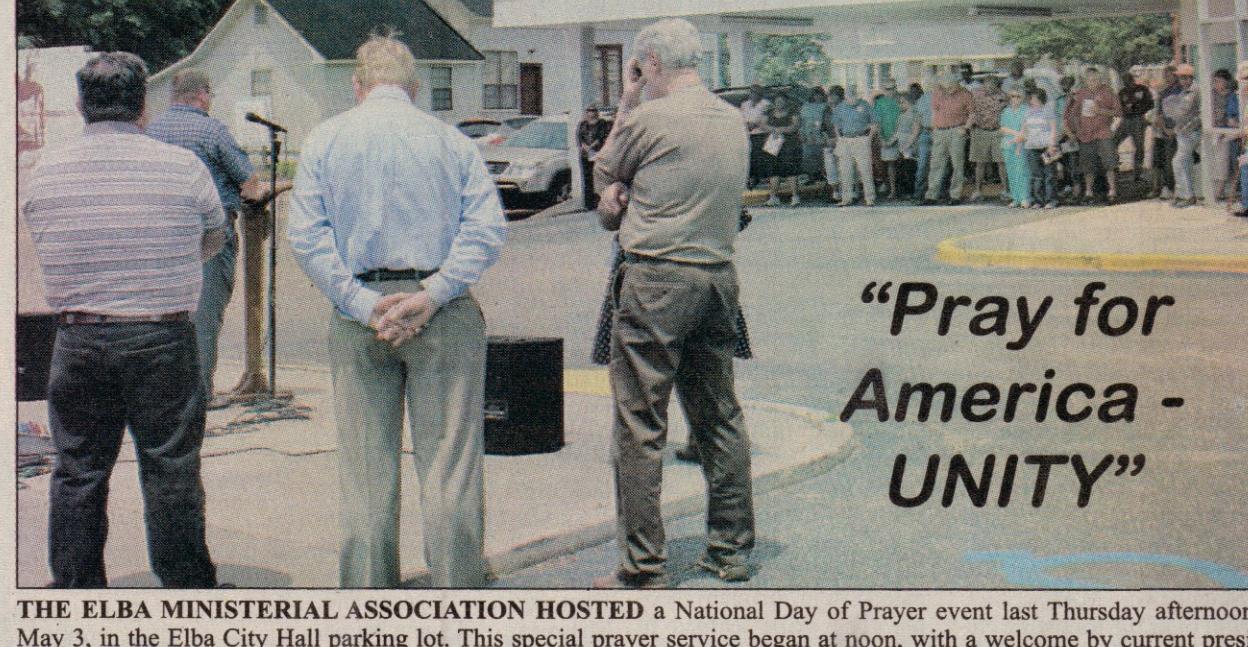
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Current superintendent Terry Weeks is retiring.

Board attorney Dale Marsh said a total of 15 applicants were received for the superintendent's position. He said board members had an opportunity to review and give input on those applications, and the list was narrowed to five finalists to be interviewed.

Marsh named the five finalists in alphabetical order. They are: Kelly Cobb, Vohn Enloe, Kevin Killingsworth, Randy Thomley, and David West.

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**"Pray for  
America -  
UNITY"**

**THE ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION HOSTED** a National Day of Prayer event last Thursday afternoon, May 3, in the Elba City Hall parking lot. This special prayer service began at noon, with a welcome by current president of the ministerial association, Minister Philip Box from the Elba Church of Christ. The theme for this year's National Day of Prayer was "Pray for America - UNITY" with the scripture from Ephesians 4:3. Christians were encouraged to make every effort to keep the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace. Several local pastors and Elba Mayor Mickey Murdock all offered prayers for the nation, federal government, first responders, churches, state, military, schools, city and county, and more. Approximately 50 people were in attendance for this year's National Day of Prayer Service in Elba. Above, the crowd listens as Rev. Michael Woodham from Elba First Baptist Church speaks. He offered the prayer for the state.

## Five finalists named for Coffee County Schools superintendent

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Killingsworth - are current employees of the Coffee County School System.

Board chairman Brian McLeod said interviews would be scheduled soon with the finalists as the board looks to move forward with the process of selecting the system's next superintendent.

Five finalists named Friday, May 4, for next Superintendent of Coffee County Schools. They are: Kelly Cobb, Vohn Enloe, Kevin Killingsworth, Randy Thomley, and David West. Three of the five finalists are current employees of the school system.

Several certified personnel matters were recommended by Superintendent Weeks and approved by board members during the special

year

• Resignations accepted from Robert L. Kinsaul, physical education teacher at New Brockton Elementary School – he is retiring effective June 1st; and from Janel Humphrey, business education teacher at Zion Chapel School – she will fulfill her contract ending June 5th

• Employment approved for Ashley Storey to be an English language arts teacher at Zion Chapel School during the 2018-2019 school year, and leave request was granted for Kelly Yaden, CNP worker at Zion Chapel School – began April 17th and ends July 31st.

• Leave requests granted for Valerie Bourne, guidance counselor at New Brockton High School – beginning Aug. 1st and ending Sept. 13th; and for Erica Keller, special education teacher at New Brockton Elementary School – beginning approximately Aug. 1st and ending approximately Sept. 28th.

Two classified personnel matters also were approved by board members. Alyssa Farris was employed as a nurse for New Brockton Elementary School during the 2018-2019 school year, and leave request was granted for Kelly Yaden, CNP worker at Zion Chapel School – began April 17th and ends July 31st.

Another matter approved by board members during the meeting was the motion to accept a \$270,000 proposal – the low proposal – from Hawk Company for kitchen equipment for the

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New Brockton Elementary School kitchen construction project. The superintendent said the school system had used Hawk before and received excellent service from that company.

The board was set to meet again for its regular monthly meeting Tuesday evening, May 8, but that meeting had not concluded as of press time this week.

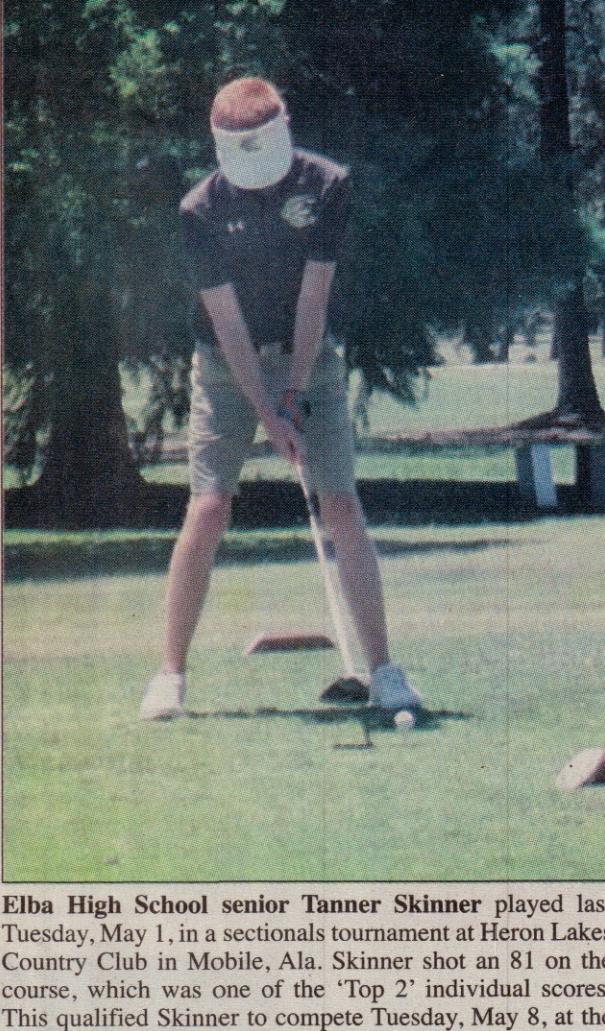
## NOTICE:

The Elba Public Library currently is conducting its Spring Book Sale! This book sale will continue through May 31st.

The Elba Public Library is located at 406 Simmons Street in downtown Elba.

Director of the Elba Public Library is Kathy Hathcock. Call 897-6921 for more info.

## Elba Tigers golfer Tanner Skinner qualifies for Sub-State Tournament



Elba High School senior Tanner Skinner played last Tuesday, May 1, in a sectionals tournament at Heron Lakes Country Club in Mobile, Ala. Skinner shot an 81 on the course, which was one of the 'Top 2' individual scores. This qualified Skinner to compete Tuesday, May 8, at the same golf course in the Sub-State tournament. If he advances from Sub-State, Skinner will go on to compete for the State title in Muscle Shoals next week. His coach is Mark Wicker, and he is the son of Tommy and Brenda Skinner.

\*\* The results of Sub-State were not available as of press time this week.

## Public Notices

**"For your  
right to know"**

Public notices in The Elba Clipper this week include three mortgage foreclosures, four estate notices regarding deceased Coffee County citizens, one notice for a City of Elba hearing on plans to demolish a structure that has been declared unlivable, and a notice of sale of an abandoned vehicle.

These 'public notices' can be found on Pages 6 and 7 of today's paper.

The New Brockton Town Council convened for its monthly meeting Monday evening, May 7, and handled several routine business matters during the meeting.

The council voted to correct a section of the ordinance dealing with animals. This correction clarifies that any dog found at-large on any street can be picked up by a city employee and then taken to the City of Elba Animal Shelter. From there the owner of the dog is responsible for paying

the Animal Shelter fee in Elba to the City of Elba, as well as, pay the Town of New Brockton its fee for violating the animal ordinance.

Mayor Kathy Holley said the correction to the ordinance was needed to clarify that New Brockton does not have its own animal shelter and therefore animals picked up are taken to the shelter in Elba instead.

The council voted to pay an additional \$1,335 on the town's workmen's compensation insurance. Town clerk Debbie Andrews explained the town had already paid a bill for \$9,788, but a re-audit found the town's payroll to be high enough to warrant an additional charge. She said she had expected this additional bill.

A review of the monthly financial statement showed the town had a total in operating funds for all accounts of \$319,738.34 at the end of April. Income for the month was \$63,797.09 and expenses were \$48,653.98.

Andrews estimated the regular operating bills for the month of May would be \$21,343.03, and council members gave the go ahead for her to pay these bills as they come in to the office.

Mayor Holley happily noted the town had received a donation from the Coffee County

Commission of a 2014 Tahoe vehicle for the town's police department's use. The Tahoe was previously used by the Coffee County Sheriff's Office as a deputy vehicle.

"It has everything it needs except a radio," Holley said. "I want to thank the Coffee County Sheriff's Office and the Coffee County Commission for this. It was recommended by the Sheriff's Office for the vehicle to be donated and the Commission approved it."

Upon the mayor's recommendation, the council voted to go ahead and purchase a digital radio for this Tahoe. She also recommended some mechanical repair work to replace the rotors on it, and council members approved that as well.

The mayor said once the rotor work is completed and the digital radio installed the Tahoe would be ready for patrol use for the town.

Also during the meeting, the council approved a motion to purchase a new chief badge for the police chief and five new patrolman badges for the officers.

The next New Brockton Town Council meeting is set for Monday, June 4, at 6 p.m. at the New Brockton Town Hall.

## Area Happenings:

**THE COFFEE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT** will be holding its monthly board meeting Thursday, May 10, at 10 a.m. The meeting will be at the Alabama Forestry Commission, 1155 E. McKinnon Street, New Brockton.

**THE ELBA TIGERS WILL COMPETE IN A SPRING FOOTBALL GAME** on Friday, May 11, at Elba's Tiger Stadium. Elba will host Samson for this spring game. It is set to begin at 7 p.m.

**BACCALAUREATE FOR ELBA'S CLASS OF 2018** will be Sunday, May 13, beginning at 3 p.m. at the Elba First Assembly of God Church, located on Highland Drive in Elba. Graduation for the Class of 2018 will be Tuesday, May 15, at 7 p.m.

**A RABIES CLINIC** will be held Saturday, June 9, at Elba's Legion Field, located on Neil Grantham Drive. The clinic will be from 10 a.m. until 12 noon. Cost is \$12 per animal.

## ESCC launches new medical assistant technology program

Enterprise State Community College is launching a new associate degree program and multiple certificate programs in Medical Assistant Technology (MAT), a program that is bound to add significant value to high-demand positions in the medical community locally and region-wide.

With the opportunity for students to work alongside leading physicians in the local medical community, the MAT curriculum will blend clinical diagnostic, examination, testing and treatment procedures with critical knowledge of medical law and ethics, patient psychology, communications, basic anatomy and physiology. Coursework in the MAT program will prepare students to provide medical office administrative services and perform clinical duties, including patient intake and care, routine diagnostic and recording procedures, pre-examination and examination assistance, and the administration of medications and first aid.

In addition to an Associate in Applied Science in MAT, ESCC will offer the following credentials through the MAT program: Certified Patient Care Technician (CPCT); Phlebotomy Technician (CPT); Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA); Certified

EKG Technician (CET); Certified Medical Administrative Assistant (CMAA); Certified Medical Assistant (CMAA); and Certified Medical Reimbursement Specialist Certification (CMRS).

ESCC's MAT program will augment two other healthcare programs – Emergency Medical Services and Emergency Medical Technology – currently offered at ESCC. The inaugural class of students taking MAT classes at ESCC is expected this fall.

Dual enrollment students who take MAT courses at the college will be able to take the classes tuition-free through workforce development monies made available for the high-demand careers for which MAT trains students.

Suzanne Woods, CEO of Medical Center Enterprise, stated the facility is excited for the opportunity that area residents will have to pursue training within MAT.

"By bringing this program to Enterprise, ESCC has opened the employment door into the healthcare system for many people. The skills learned in this program will help to streamline care in physician offices and provide potential employment opportunities in several areas throughout the hospital."

tal," Woods stated.

Students who choose to train in MAT could potentially receive scholarship funds through the E.L. Gibson Foundation which contributes integral scholarships to students pursuing medical-connected careers.

"To me, this particular MAT program embodies exactly what Dr. Gibson once envisioned, to be taken on by our college and our community and to help educate some of these students, putting them back in the medical field where they are not only furthering themselves but taking care of the community," said Woods.

### Alert on synthetic cannabinoids issued by ADPH

The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) cautions the public about the hazards of synthetic cannabinoids after the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) linked serious complications including death to their use.

Similar findings have been identified in other states including Florida, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Wisconsin. ADPH has conducted a review of possible cases, but has not confirmed any cases in Alabama to date.

Synthetic cannabinoids are toxic psychoactive chemical compounds that mimic marijuana and have a high potential for abuse. These chemicals are called cannabinoids because they reportedly stimulate the same brain areas affected by marijuana. The manufactured products have brand names such as K2, Spice, AK-47, Black Mamba, Bombay, Blue Genie, Kronic, Kush, Mr. Happy, Scooby Snax, Zohai and others.

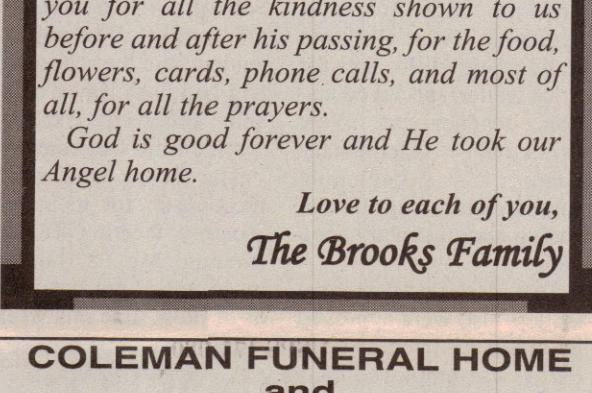
Synthetic cannabinoids are not safe, and individuals consuming them may experience severe bleeding, Medical Officer for Disease Control and Prevention Dr. Burnestine Taylor said. These products may contain brodifacoum which is found in rat poisoning. Individuals who have been sickened by the synthetic cannabinoids have reported coughing up blood, blood in the urine, severe bloody nose, bleeding gums, heavy menstrual bleeding and internal bleeding.

Other signs and symptoms include:

- Agitation and irritability
- Confusion and concentration problems
- Hallucinations, delusions, psychosis, suicidal thoughts and violent behavior
- Seizures
- Sleepiness and dizziness

Synthetic cannabinoids are unsafe, and it is hard to know what the products contain or what reactions to them will be. These products are illegal in Alabama.

ADPH urges the public not to use synthetic cannabinoids.



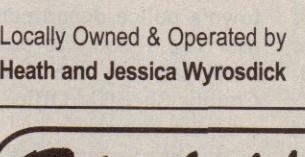
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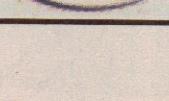
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## Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly at [www.elba-clipper.com](http://www.elba-clipper.com)

### ULMA DON MACK

Mr. Ulma Don Mack, age 64, a resident of Elba, Ala., died unexpectedly Sunday morning, May 6, 2018, at Medical Center Enterprise.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 9, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba beginning at 11 a.m. with Rev. Sam Self officiating. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home.

Don was preceded in death by his parents Ulma and Ruth Mack, brothers Reggie and Brad Mack, and by a brother-in-law, James Grimes.

Survivors include his wife: Jackie Mack, Elba; son: Josh (Tammy) Mack, Elba; stepdaughter: Nikki (Chad) Blasi, Freeport, Fla.; grandchildren: Drew Mack, Elba, Nix Blasi and Hale Blasi, both of Freeport, Cortney (Guy) Anderson, Makenzie Wambles, both of Elba; great-grandchildren: John Anderson and Jocie Anderson, both of Elba; his sisters: Henrietta Grimes and Kaye (Ronnie) Whitworth, both of Elba; and his mother-in-law: Evelyn Kilcrease, Opp, Ala.

### MELISSA ANN MARTIN SMITH

Mrs. Melissa Ann Martin Smith, age 54, died Saturday, May 5, 2018, after an extended illness.

She was born October 16, 1963, to Doug and

Elaine Martin. A native of Elba,

she was a graduate of Elba

High School and Troy

University. She was a member of Elba United Methodist Church.

Memorial services were held May 8, 2018 at the First United Methodist Church of Elba with the Rev. Stanley Carter, the Rev. Michael Lawler and the Rev. George Sedberry officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions to the resueme.org or the charity of one's choice.

Melissa was preceded in death by her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Vaughan and Mr. and Mrs. James Colley Martin; her uncle, Ted Vaughan; and aunt: Amorette Vaughan Helms; .

In addition to her parents, survivors include her husband: Christopher Smith; her children: Elena McCormick Nicholson (Eric) and Martin McCormick; a granddaughter: Amanda Knight (Justin) Reynolds, Shorterville, Ala.; grandsons: Jonathon Knight, Clayhatchee, Ala., Adam (Katelyn) Knight, Headland, Ala., Bradley (Hope) Bowers, Enterprise, Ala., Brent (Kim) Bowers and Brandon (Abbey) Bowers, both of Elba, Garret (Courtney) Bowers, Andalusia, Ala.; seven great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Survivors include his wife of 37 years: Miriam Hudson Knight, Elba, sons: Danny Knight, Ozark, Ala., Joey

McKnight, Headland, Ala., Vince (Pam) Bowers and Tim Bowers, both of Elba;

daughters: Pat Windham,

Ozark, Donna Main,

Daleville, Ala.; sisters:

Nell McLendon,

Brundidge, Ala., Gayle

(Steve) Riley, Clio, Ala.;

sister-in-law: Margaret

(Larry) Rhoades,

Enterprise; granddaughter:

Amanda Knight (Justin) Reynolds,

Shorterville, Ala.; grandsons:

Jonathon Knight, Clayhatchee, Ala., Adam

(Katelyn) Knight, Headland, Ala., Bradley

(Hope) Bowers, Enterprise,

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Visitation was held

Wednesday, May 9, from 5-

7 p.m. at Hayes Funeral

Home in Elba, Ala. Funeral

services will be held

Thursday, May 10, at the

Victoria Baptist Church

beginning at 10 a.m. with

Rev. Donnie Marler and

Rev. Sonny Moore officiating.

Burial services will

follow in the Victoria

Baptist Church Cemetery

with Rev. Mack King officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the

family asks that memorials

be made to the Vineyard

Christian Retreat, c/o 245

County Road 131, Ariton,

AL 36311.

He was preceded in

death by his son Johnny

LaDon Allen, along with

his parents Aaron and

Jennie Allen.

Survivors include his

wife of 62 years: Virginia

Nell Allen, Jack, Ala.;

daughter: Charlotte Allen

(Joel) Smith, Enterprise,

Ala.; grandsons: Clayton

Allen (Rebekah) Eagerton,

Cowarts, Ala., and Jacob

Tyler (Morgan) Smith,

Opp, Ala.; great-grand-

daughter: Camilla Claire

Smith, also of Opp; two

sisters: Effie "Merle"

Downing and Lula Bess

"Bettie" (Donald) Foley;

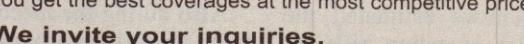
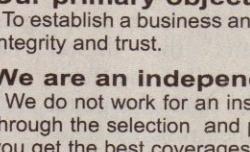
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## EDITORIAL

## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"All animals except man know that the ultimate of life is to enjoy it." — Samuel Butler

May 1st was Labour Day in Belgium. There are traditional parades each year, approved and encouraged by public officials. Well this year they had some protesters. Apparently there was more than one group staging counter rallies and protesting different things. This sort of thing reminds us of something our elementary school principal would always use when scolding any of the students. When someone wrote on the school walls, etc., he would say, "Fools names and monkey's faces are always seen in public places." Many of us would do well to remember that old saying.

griffonage — careless handwriting; a crude or illegible scrawl. It comes from our French griffonage showing up in English writing in the early nineteenth century probably by someone who could not remember an English word for poor handwriting. We stumbled over that word last week in some stuff written by someone far greater versed in the English language than this country boy and had to ask Google for help. Then there was instantly this nagging thought that maybe they were actually talking about our handwriting! We are trying to do better, but after all these years of careless scribbling, winning a handwriting contest is not on our list of possible accomplishments.

April rainfall was not bad, but neither did it help make up for the drastic drop in the January wet stuff. It also looks like May has started off a bit more arid than usual. Looking at the official rain gauge report from our friends at Choctawhatchee Water Authority we are already behind the curve on rainfall, and the month is only going to get more parched over the next ten-days or so, according to our expert weather predicting folks. That will make it even harder to make up for the almost 12 inch average less rain in January 2018 than we got in January 2017. The gauge at the Pea River bridge in Elba recorded 11.36 inches of rain in January of 2017 and only 0.92 this year. The gauge over at Newton saw a 14-inch difference year-to-year and is still over 10 inches behind last year's totals. The folks at Choctawhatchee, Pea and Yellow Rivers Watershed Management Authority refuse to take credit for the dry days, explaining they are only the messengers delivering their rain gauge reports.

Folks we have a couple of primary elections coming up in less than a month and there is a lot of "undecided" voters in this state. Well over half (maybe three-fourths) of those who indicate they will be voting are still "undecided" about the judicial races. It is embarrassing to admit, but we are in that group on a couple of those races also. Today we were talking with a local citizen who describes himself as an "Activist Republican" and he is in the same boat and still trying to get creditable information about the statewide judicial candidates. Probably these are the most important offices on the ballot and we strongly recommend voters get the necessary information to make an informed vote or . . . . don't vote in that race! A nut sitting there making judgment decisions that can impact our lives for years to come can be real dangerous. We hope there are none of those in the races, but it would not be a first time.

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, April 30, investigated the following incidents: two for burglary, one identity theft, one suspicious circumstances, two for harassment, four for possession of a controlled substance, one for attempting to elude, one for theft of lost property, three for possession of drug paraphernalia, one for carrying a pistol without a permit, two for domestic violence, one death, one fraudulent use of a credit card, one possession of marijuana, one felon in possession of a firearm.

Arrests made during the week included: two for failure to appear, four for possession of a controlled substance, three for possession of drug paraphernalia, one for carrying a pistol without a permit, one for possession of marijuana, one for discharging a firearm into an occupied vehicle, one for unlawful possession of a concealed weapon, and one for felon in possession of a firearm.

Traffic citations issued were as follows:

**MONDAY, APR. 30** — Two-vehicle wreck reported near 2858 Hwy. 125 (8:23 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the wreck on Hwy. 125 (8:25 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to

the area of Martin Luther King Dr. (10:07 p.m.).

## THURSDAY, MAY 3 —

Domestic disturbance (verbal) reported at 738 West St. (3:10 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported on County Rd. 502 (7:33 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 30475 Hwy. 87 N (11:48 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 30475 Hwy. 87 N (1:01 p.m.).

## FRIDAY, MAY 4 —

Harassment reported at 134 Martin Luther King Dr. (1:03 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 964 Davis St. (8:08 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1022 Drayton Ave. (5:57 p.m.); Prowler reported on Winston St. (10:30 p.m.).

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 2 —

Possible prowler reported on County Rd. 513 (12:00 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to 420 Plant Ave. (7:08 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 317 County Rd. 349 (10:54 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 571 King Circle (11:47 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 761 N Claxton Ave. (2:09 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1243 County Rd. 223 (5:11 p.m.); Possible prowler reported on Herman Driggers Dr. (10:04 p.m.); Report of a gun being discharged in

## SATURDAY, MAY 5 —

Coffee County EMS dispatched to 501 County Rd. 455 (6:01 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the intersection of Hwy. 125 and Hwy. 167 (10:05 a.m.).

## SUNDAY, MAY 6 —

Elba Fire Department dispatched as mutual aide for Kinston at a house fire at 1656 County Rd. 422 (2:40 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1422 Forest Lake Dr. (7:10 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 20500 Hwy. 189 N (8:45 p.m.).

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Elba Post Office set to conduct *Stamp Out Hunger* food drive this Saturday, May 12th

The 26th Annual National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) *Stamp Out Hunger* Food Drive is set for Saturday, May 12, and postal workers with the Elba Post Office plan to participate.

Last year, carriers collected more than 71 million pounds of food. Donations were collected in over 10,000 cities and towns in all 50 states plus the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

## It's never too early or too late to reduce your skin cancer risk

Skin Cancer Prevention Tips From  
The Skin Cancer Foundation . . .

Skin cancer is a disease that affects people of every age, gender and ethnicity.

One in five Americans will develop skin cancer by the age of 70; in fact, more people are diagnosed with skin cancer each year in the U.S. than all other cancers combined. But, there is good news: Because skin cancer is chiefly a lifestyle disease, it is also highly preventable.

About 90 percent of non-melanoma skin cancers and about 86 percent of melanomas are associated with exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun. Knowing the risk factors and practicing sun protection year-round are key to reducing your risk.

"It's never too early or too late in life to start protecting your skin from sun damage," says Deborah S. Sarnoff, MD, president of The Skin Cancer Foundation. "Parents and caregivers should teach children about sun protection at an early age and help them instill lifelong habits. And even after a lifetime of sun exposure, older people can stop further damage to their skin by making sun protection a priority."

Here are The Skin Cancer Foundation's tips for reducing your skin cancer risk:

- **Seek the shade**, especially between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. when the sun is strongest. An extra rule of thumb is the "shadow rule." If your shadow is shorter than you are, the sun's harmful ultraviolet (UV) radiation is stronger; if your shadow is longer, UV radiation is less intense.

- **Do not burn.** A person's risk for melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer, doubles if he or she had had five or more sunburns at any point in life.

- **Avoid tanning and UV tanning booths.** UV radiation from tanning machines is known to cause cancer in humans. Indoor UV tanners are 74 percent more likely to develop melanoma, one of the deadliest forms of skin cancer, than those who have never tanned indoors. Tanning bed users are also 1.5 times more likely to develop basal cell carcinoma and 2.5 times more likely to develop squamous cell carcinoma, two of the most common forms of skin cancer. The more time a person has spent tanning indoors, the higher the risk.

- **Cover up with clothing**, including a broad-brimmed hat and UV-blocking sunglasses.

Clothing can be your most effective form of sun protection, so make the most of it with densely woven and bright- or dark-colored fabrics, which offer the best defense. The more skin you cover, the better, so choose long sleeves and long pants whenever possible.

Happy  
Mother's  
Day  
to all  
Moms!

Postal customers in Elba are asked to put non-perishable food donations in a sturdy bag and place the bag near their mailbox prior to the regular mail delivery on Saturday, May 12. The local letter carriers will collect the donations as they deliver the mail on Saturday.

Help the Elba Post Office help to make this year's national event a success! Place your donations out Saturday morning before the mail is delivered!

## • Examine your skin head to toe every month.

While self-exams shouldn't replace the important annual skin exam performed by a physician, they offer the best chance of detecting the early warning signs of skin cancer. If you notice any change in an existing mole or discover any new spot that doesn't heal after several weeks, see a physician immediately.

- **Apply 1 ounce (2 tablespoons) of sunscreen to your entire body** 30 minutes before going outside. Reapply every two hours or immediately after swimming or excessive sweating. One eight-ounce bottle of sunscreen should provide two full days of sun protection.

• **Keep newborns out of the sun.**

Sunscreens may be used on babies over the

age of six months, but they should also be protected by shade and clothing. Children are very sensitive to ultraviolet radiation — just one severe sunburn in childhood doubles the chances of developing melanoma later in life.

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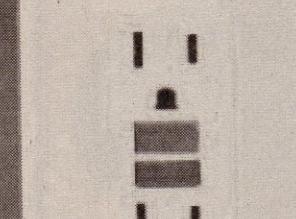
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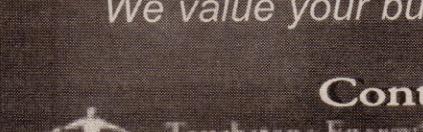


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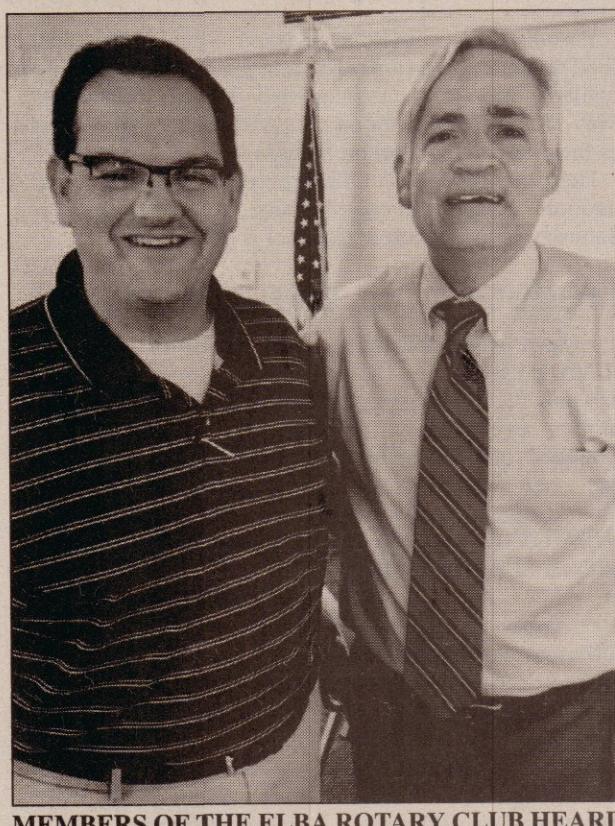
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# LIFESTYLES



**MEMBERS OF THE ELBA ROTARY CLUB HEARD AN INTERESTING PROGRAM** on Tuesday, May 1, presented by Dr. Bob Weiland, Curator and Supervisor at the First White House of the Confederacy in Montgomery. The house museum, which is adjacent to the Alabama Department of Archives and History and across the street from the State Capitol, was home to Confederate President Jefferson Davis and his family in 1861 when Montgomery served as the capital of the Confederacy. Interestingly, Dr. Weiland, who joined the museum staff in 2015, is a native of New York State. Rotarian Bart Boothe, pictured at left, has known Dr. Weiland for a number of years and invited him to speak.

## Thomas Clark attends CofC Confederate Memorial Day event

The Alabama Division Children of the Confederacy® ("CofC") recently held its Annual Confederate Memorial Day Ceremony. The event is conducted by the Alabama Division CofC Officers under the supervision of the CofC Division Director and is held in the old Marbury Methodist Church building now located in the park. Among those in attendance were Thomas Clark, Vice President Rucker's Belles and Beaux 968, accompanied by Donna Clark, member of Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker 2534, United Daughters of the Confederacy® ("UDC"). Thomas also serves as Alabama Division Recording Secretary.

Colors were posted by Cradle of the Confederacy SCV Camp 962, followed by the procession of the Division officers. The meeting was called to order by President, Hannah Appleton. Pledges and salutes were given to the Christian flag led by Aden Vandeven; the flag of the United States of America led by Peter Toler; the Alabama flag led by



Thomas Clark and Donna Clark are pictured beside the grave and monument of Jefferson Manly Falkner.

Evelyn Toler; and the Confederate flag led by Thomas Clark followed by appropriate songs. The CofC Creed and Ritual were led by President Appleton and assisted by Haileigh Himes, Chaplain Pro Tem.

Faye McWhorter, Alabama Division UDC

## Elba Post of American Legion plans May 12th cookout for all Veterans

American Legion Elba Post 42 is planning a Cookout for Veterans, Active Duty, National Guard, Reservist and their family on Saturday, May

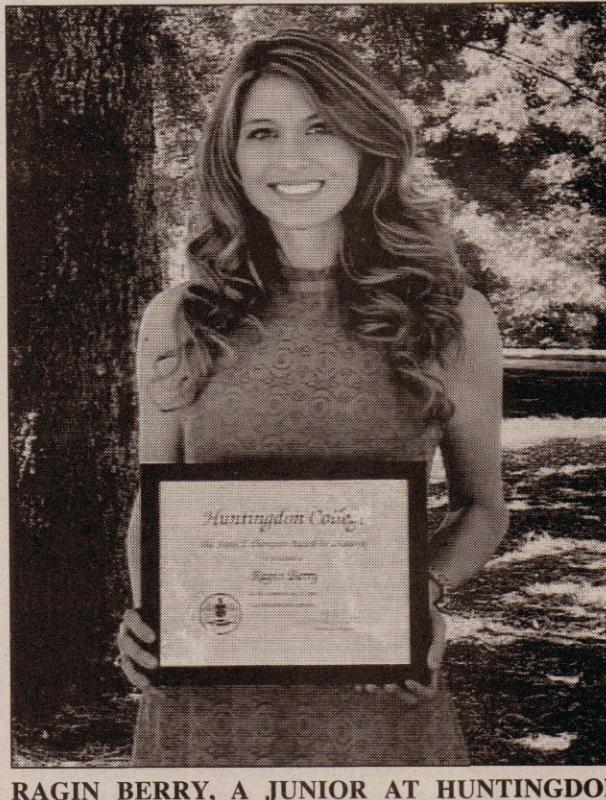
12, from 12-2 p.m., located at 1085 Neil Grantham, Elba, Ala.

For more information, contact Jenny Reed at 706-761-1698.

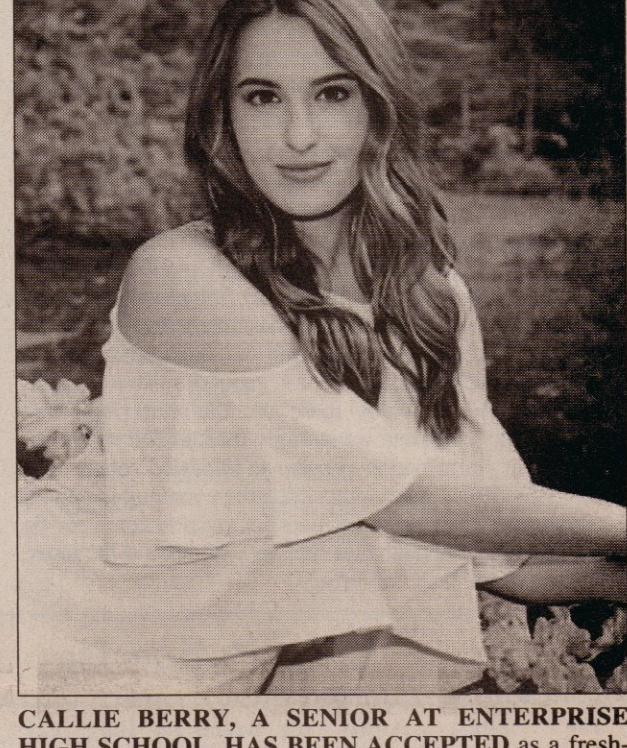
## Community Preparation Meeting set for May 15th in New Brockton

In preparation for the upcoming hurricane season the Coffee County Emergency Management Agency, in cooperation with the Recovery Organization of Coffee County, will host a Community Preparation Meeting on Tuesday, May 15, in the community room of the Coffee County Commission Complex in New Brockton, beginning at 10 a.m. During this meeting, officials will discuss planned disaster response and how religious and civic organizations can help. Discussions also will touch on sheltering/housing, feeding and overall care and comfort of citizens during and after disasters.

The overall goal is to build cooperation, self-sufficiency, and resilience into the county's disaster response plans. After a disaster, the help of the whole community is needed in response and recovery efforts. Willing individuals and organizations are needed to volunteer for managing areas like - Shelters, Volunteer Reception Centers, Distribution Sites, Donated Goods Sites, and Counseling Centers. Organizations can pre-register for this meeting by visiting the website: <https://www.coffeecounty.us/239/Emergency-Management> and clicking on Community Preparation Meeting under the calendar.



**RAGIN BERRY, A JUNIOR AT HUNTINGDON COLLEGE, RECENTLY RECEIVED** the Frank T. Thompson Award for Creativity. This award is given each year by the Huntingdon Publications Board to the student who has demonstrated the greatest creativity in work on student publications. Ragin is the daughter of Kim and Ginny Berry. She is the granddaughter of Harold and Lynda Berry and Larry and Debbie Walters. Ragin has one sister, Callie, a senior at Enterprise High School.



**CALLIE BERRY, A SENIOR AT ENTERPRISE HIGH SCHOOL, HAS BEEN ACCEPTED** as a freshman at Troy University. She will begin her Trojan journey in the fall of 2018. Callie is the daughter of Kim and Ginny Berry. She is the granddaughter of Harold and Lynda Berry and Larry and Debbie Walters. Callie has one sister, Ragin, a senior at Huntingdon College in Montgomery.

## Several candidates set to speak at CCRC meeting

The Monday, May 14, Coffee County Republican Club meeting at Po Folks Restaurant in Enterprise will feature five candidates running for office in the June 5 Primary.

Barry Moore, candidate for US Congressional District 2 Representative; Rhett Marques and Lister Reeves, both candidates for Statehouse District 91 Representative; Coffee

County Sheriff candidate Skip Neuwien; and Amy Reeves, candidate for Coffee County Circuit Court Clerk all will be speaking.

These candidates will discuss their platforms and answer questions. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. with social time and ordering from the menu, and the program will begin at 6:30.

Visitors are invited.

## LBWCC in Opp offering couponing class

LBW Community College in Opp is offering a Beginner Couponing course on Tuesday, May 29, from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. in the Raymond Jeffcoat Building - Room F-4.

In this class students will learn the skills to effectively save their family hundreds even thousands of dollars each year by using coupons. Students will learn how to find, organize, match sales with coupons, and secrets and tricks to coupon effectively.

Space is limited. The

course fee is \$25.

Participants may register in person in the Student Services office Monday - Thursday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. or Friday, 8 a.m. - Noon. Deadline to register is May 21st.

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#### Thinking About Mother's Day and What Lies Beyond This Life

Sunday, May 13, is recognized as Mother's Day. Those of us who have great mothers, I assume that's most of us, certainly want to celebrate them! Those whose mother has passed to eternity might wish their mother was here and those of us blessed enough to still be able to see your mother should do something to let her know we care.

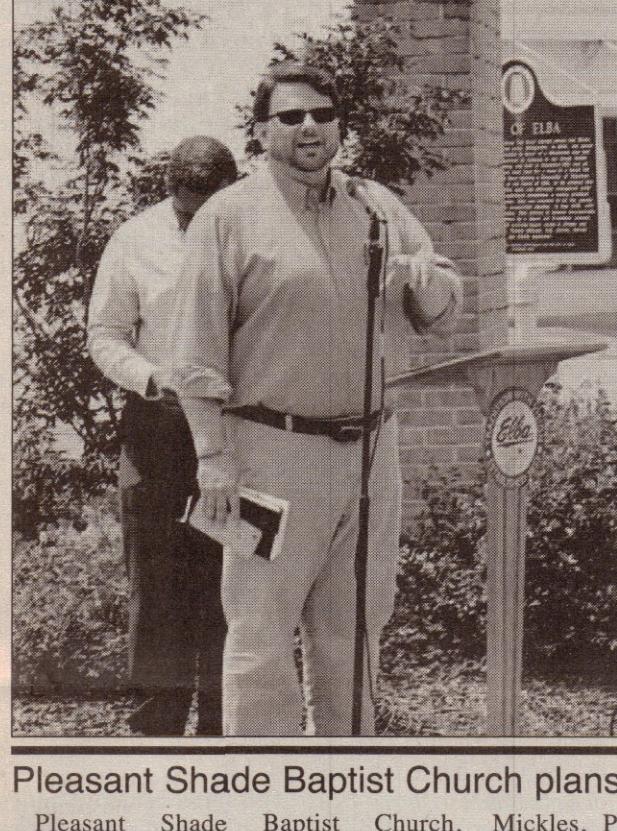
It is interesting that Mother's Day is always on a Sunday, and mothers have traditionally been interested in making sure we give that day to the Lord. Most mothers are interested in making sure their children get to heaven.

The Bible helps us focus on living now and also hereafter by simply stating, "And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment." (Hebrews 9:27) Whether our death comes in youth or in later years, all of us must be prepared to meet God in judgment, "For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether it is good or whether it is evil." (Ecclesiastes 12:14) Where will you spend your eternity? Will your mother be pleased?

We do not just cease to exist. Jesus said, "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal." (Matthew 25:46) Prepare for Eternity now!

#### Happy Mother's Day

**May 13, 2018 not only is Mother's Day, but we will be celebrating with Elba High School's Senior Class. Baccalaureate will take place at 3 PM at Elba Assembly on Highland Drive.**



#### Pleasant Shade Baptist Church plans "All Ministries Day"

Pleasant Shade Baptist Church, Enterprise, Ala., will celebrate "All Ministries Day" on Sunday, May 20, at 2:30 p.m.

The guest speaker will be Rev. Maurice

Mickles, Pastor of St. Beulah Baptist Church, Enterprise.

Everyone invited to attend this special service.



At the National Day of Prayer Service held last Thursday afternoon, May 3, in Elba, representatives of the Elba Ministerial Association provided several prayers for the community. Above, Pastor Johnathan Lockett prays, and (right) Minister Philip Box welcomes everyone to the event.

## Church Directory

### EVANGELIST TEMPLE

### CHURCH OF GOD IN

### CHRIST

### Timothy Williams, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 9:45 a.m.

Wed. Prayer Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON

### DANNY Bradshaw, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST

### Phillip Box, Minister

Bible Study . . . 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 10:45 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

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### Dwight Johnson, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:30 a.m.

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### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

### STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF COFFEE

Default being made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain real estate mortgage dated March 30, 2011 executed by George Haslett, in favor of Manuel W. Nelson and Marilyn Spurlin Nelson, said mortgage being recorded March 31, 2011 in OR Book 132A, Page 513 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama. Said default continues and notice is hereby given that the undersigned

Marilyn Spurlin Nelson, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry for cash to the highest bidder at the main entrance to the Coffee County Courthouse in Elba, Alabama, on May 16, 2018, during the legal hours of

sale, the following described real estate situated in Coffee County, Alabama, to-wit: One lot in the town of Elba, Alabama, described as follows: BEGINNING at a point 120 feet east of the SE corner of the intersection of Williams and Guyton Streets (said point also being the NW corner of lot 3, Block 68 fronting Guyton Street); thence in a SW direction along the West line of said lot #3 and parallel with Williams Street a distance of 75 feet, more or less, to a point; thence in a SE direction and parallel with Guyton Street a distance of 80 feet, more or less, to a point; thence in a NE direction and parallel with Williams Street a distance of 75 feet, more or less, to a point on the SW margin of Guyton Street; thence in a NW direction along the SW margin of Guyton Street a distance of 80 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning and including all improvements thereon.

Said property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis subject to any easements, encumbrances, and exceptions contained in said mortgage and those contained in the records of the Office of the Judge of Probate where the above-described property is situated.

Said property will be sold by sealed bids and I reserve the right to refuse any or all bids. The sale of the vehicles will be held on June 11, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. at Larry's Paint and Body Shop, 1933 Hickman Avenue, Elba, AL 36323.

recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use, and/or enjoyment, and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto.

Said sale will be made for the purpose of paying said indebtedness secured by mortgage as well as the expenses of foreclosure including a reasonable attorney's fee and other purposes set out in said mortgage and by Alabama law.

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This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation. This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained may be used for that purpose.

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**This letter is to give notice of the sale of said vehicles** listed below on June 11, 2018 for the purpose of redeeming wrecker service and storage charges of said vehicles. Sale will be made by sealed bids and I reserve the right to refuse any or all bids. The sale of the vehicles will be held on June 11, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. at Larry's Paint and Body Shop, 1933 Hickman Avenue, Elba, AL 36323.

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**IN RE: THE ESTATE OF** Marvin Daniel Siler **DECEASED**

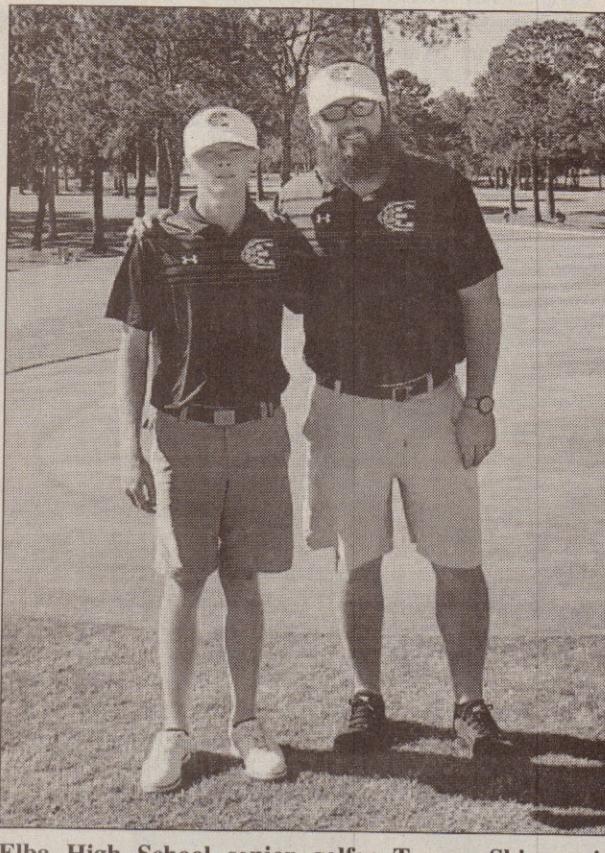
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**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED**

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to Jeanette Siler, Personal Representative on the 2nd day of May, 2018, by the Honorable Steven E. Blair, Judge of Probate of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Steven E. Blair  
Steven E. Blair, Judge of Probate  
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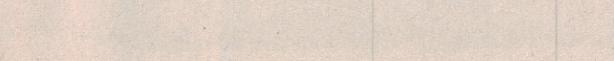
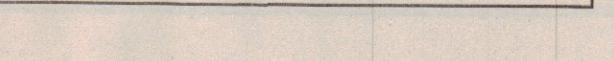
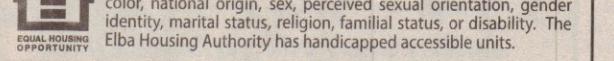
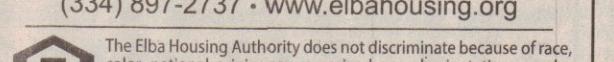
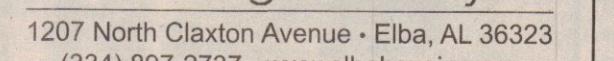
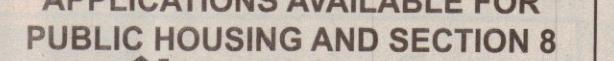
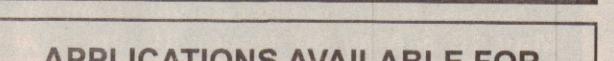
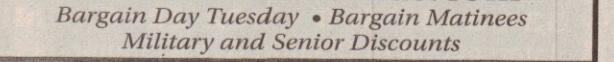
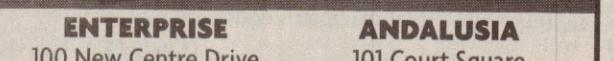
**MORE PUBLIC NOTICES ON PAGE 7**



Elba High School senior golfer Tanner Skinner is shown with Coach Mark Wicker. Skinner qualified last week to play in the Tuesday, May 8, Sub-State Tournament in Mobile, Ala. If he qualified in that tournament, Skinner would next represent Elba High School in the State Tournament set for next week.

### Scenes from the Mother/Son Bingo Night held at Elba Elementary...

The Elba Elementary School PTO recently sponsored a Mother/Son Bingo Night at the school. It was highly attended and a great success. Below are a few scenes from the night.



# SPORTS

## Views From The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our little grandson **Lawson** had a busy couple of days at school last week as he went with his class to the Montgomery zoo on Thursday and then on Friday joined all the students for field day. I am sure he had fun, but am also sure the two days helped him catch up on his sleep!

**For what it is worth....**

\*\*\* The **Elba Lady Tigers** continued their historic softball season last week as they placed second at the area tournament to earn a spot at this week's South Region event at Gulf Shores. The trip to the region tournament is the first since back in 2012 for the Lady Tigers, and comes after the team posted the most wins in a regular season in four years. The competition will be stiff at the region tournament and the Lady Tigers will have to play their best to pull off a couple of wins, but after what they have already accomplished this season I wouldn't bet against them. Good Luck Lady Tigers!!

\*\*\* The **South Region in Gulf Shores** will be filled with area teams, as Kinston, Zion Chapel and Brantley will all head south to compete for the right to advance to state. The Lady Bulldogs from up in Brantley have been the top-ranked team in Class 1A all season and are a heavy favorite to pick up their fourth state championship in the past five years, while Kinston will make its annual trip down south and has a solid chance at advancing to state, as do the Lady Rebels from up at Zion Chapel. Other teams from the area making the trip down to Gulf Shores include Red Level, Highland Home, Florala, Pleasant Home, Geneva County, Cottonwood, Geneva, Wicksburg, Providence Christian, Opp, Dale County, Ashford, Eufaula, Charles Henderson, Rehobeth, Dothan, and Northview, while area teams that will compete at Troy in the South Central Region include G.W. Long, Goshen, Luverne, Ariton, and Enterprise. The only sure thing is that there will be a lot of money spent by a lot of schools and parents over the upcoming weekend.

\*\*\* The **Elba Tigers** will host Samson Friday night in a spring football game and all Tiger fans are anxious to watch Coach Pate Harrison's team take the field. The new Elba head coach has had his team hard at work for the past two weeks learning a new offense and defense, but since I am sure it takes a little longer than a few days in shorts to learn the new system, I look for Elba to keep it pretty close to the vest in the spring game and just get the players on tape before summer workouts begin. It only counts for the fans and the players, but it should be fun to watch.

\*\*\* In closing.... I watched the Atlanta Braves go wild on a recent road trip and move into first place in the NL East, and pondered heading up to Atlanta to watch a weekend series against the Giants. I am now glad I didn't, since the Braves got waxed in the first two games of the series in front of record crowds, which would have meant I would have seen the 'same ole' Braves I have watched for years, and have had to fight the crowd and the traffic at the ballpark. I guess my recliner is truly the best seat in the house.

## Kinston wins softball title with sweep over Florala

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs punched their tickets to this weekend's South Region softball tournament with a sweep of Florala 16-1 and 16-0 at last week's Class 1A, Area 2 softball tournament.

In the 16-1 win, Sara Long hit two doubles to lead the Lady Bulldogs at

the plate, while Jade Elmore added two hits and Regan Hawthorne drove in three runs.

In the 16-0 win, Kelsi Cardwell had two doubles and three rbi's, while Faith Peters added a solo home run and Regan Hawthorne added two hits.

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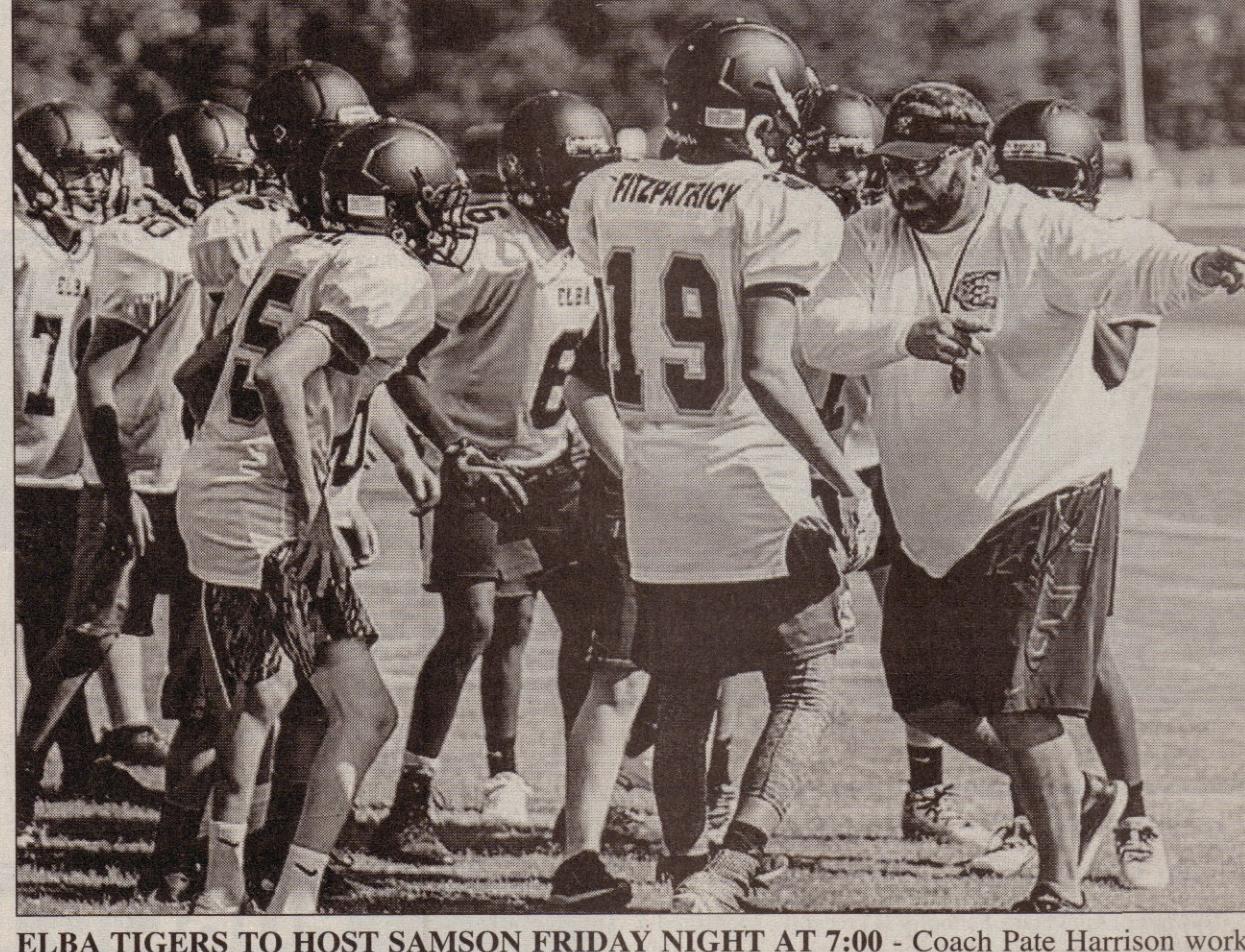
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**ELBA TIGERS TO HOST SAMSON FRIDAY NIGHT AT 7:00** - Coach Pate Harrison works with his team during a recent practice. The Tigers will host Samson on Friday night, May 11, at 7:00 PM at Tiger Stadium in spring football.

(Photo by Colby Capps)

## Zion Chapel Lady Rebels win area softball crown

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels hosted the Class 2A, Area 4 softball tournament last week and added the tourney title to their regular season crown as they defeated New Brockton 16-15 and Elba 8-3 to advance to this week's South Region tournament, in Gulf Shores.

In the wild 16-15 win over New Brockton, Zion Chapel's Kaylen McAllister ripped a two-run, walk-off single in the bottom of the seventh inning to finally put an end to a game that included 20 hits, 12 errors and six lead changes. Ivey Amlong had 3 hits, scored 4 runs and had 4 rbi's to lead the Lady Rebels at the plate, while Lexy Rugg added 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; and Addie Killingsworth added 1 hit, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi. New Brockton was led by Mary Smith with 3 home runs and 5 rbi's and Bailey Blackmon with 2 hits and 1 run scored.

In the 8-3 win over Elba, the Lady Rebels scored four runs in the bottom of the first inning to take command and never looked back. Hailey Grant ripped a two-run homer and scored 2 runs to lead the Lady Rebels at the plate, while Jaylyn Baker added a triple, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; Ivey Amlong added 3 hits, and Lexy Rugg scattered eight hits and recorded six strikeouts. Sandra Lindsey had 3 hits and scored 2 runs to lead Elba.

**May 18th golf tourney to aid Elba athletics**

The Elba High School Athletic Department will host a "4-Person Scramble" golf tournament on Friday, May 18, at the Elba Country Club.

Registration will begin at 8:00, with the tournament to tee off with a shotgun start at 8:30.

The entry fee is \$50 per golfer, or \$200 per team, and all funds raised will benefit the Elba High Athletic Department.

Sponsorships are available for \$100 per hole and mulligan, women's tees, and strings will be for sale prior to the event.

For more information contact Pate Harrison at 334-447-6163 (pharrison@elbaed.com) or Susan Barnes at 334-303-3264 (sbarnes@elbaed.com). Checks should be made payable to Elba High School.

Lots of fun and prizes will be up for grabs in this benefit tournamnt.



Zion Chapel Lady Rebels  
2A Area 4 Champs  
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## Johnson tosses gems

## Brantley takes area tourney title

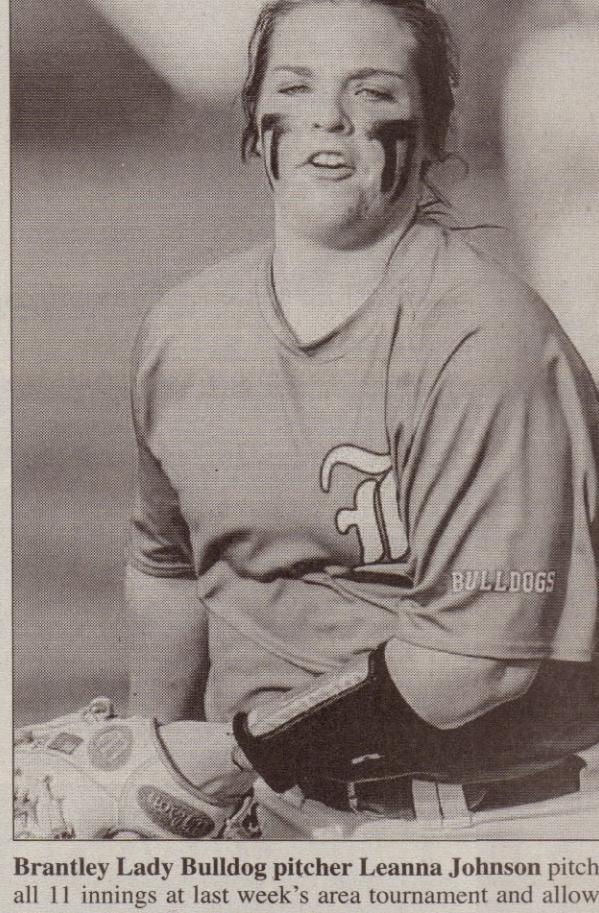
The Brantley Lady Bulldogs continued their season-long dominance last week at the Class 1A, Area 4 softball tournament as they posted back-to-back 10-0 wins over Highland Home to claim the tourney title and advance to this week's South Region tournament, in Gulf Shores.

The (46-4) Lady Bulldogs have won the South Region crown four straight years and as the top-ranked team in 1A are heavy favorites to add another region title to their resume.

In the first 10-0 win, the Lady Bulldogs scored six runs in the bottom of the first inning and coasted in with the win. Anna Kimbro had 3 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead Brantley at the plate, while Olivia Jones added 2 hits and scored 1 run; Cassidy Wilcox added 2 hits and 1 rbi; Hannah Sims added a solo home run and scored 2 runs; Lainey Wells added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; and Gracie Free added a 2-run homer and scored 2 runs.

Leanna Johnson tossed a complete game no-hitter with 14 strikeouts to get the win inside the circle.

In the second 10-0 win, Leanna Johnson tossed a complete game perfect game with 14 strikeouts and the Lady Bulldogs pulled away late to take the title. Cassidy Wilcox had 4 hits, including two doubles, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's to lead Brantley at the plate, while Anna Kimbro also added 4 hits, including two doubles, scored 3 runs and had 2 rbi's. Lainey Wells added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, Lainey Wells added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi.



Brantley Lady Bulldog pitcher Leanna Johnson pitched all 11 innings at last week's area tournament and allowed no hits with a total of 28 strikeouts.

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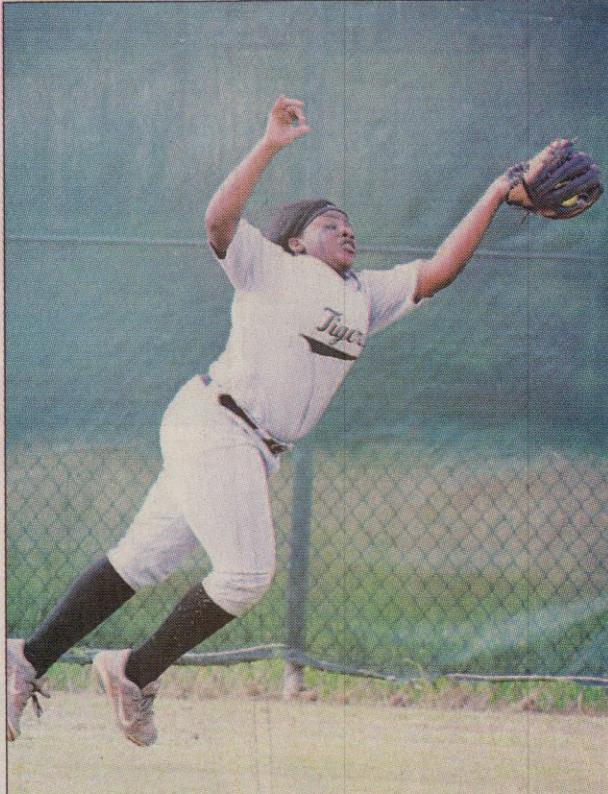
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# SPORTS



Elba Lady Tiger A'Maysia Whitfield makes a spectacular catch in rightfield during a recent win.

(Photo by Roberta Gideon)



**LADY TIGERS SHOW OFF HARDWARE....** The Elba Lady Tigers hold the runner-up trophy after placing second at last week's area tournament. The Lady Tigers will compete this weekend at the South Region tournament in Gulf Shores. Pictured above are (front row, l-r) Danaejah Flowers, McKenzie Hooks, Alyssa Kyles, Kayla Seay, (back row, l-r) Coach Anna Harrelson, Praise Edwards, Sandrea Lindsey, Kira Starks, Breanna Sanders, Mone Martin, A'Maysia Whitfield, Mckenlie Jerkins, Zaida Williams, Head Coach Melissa Mularz.

## BOUND FOR THE BEACH!



Elba Lady Tiger Mckenlie Jerkins delivers a pitch during recent action. Jerkins pitched all three games in the area tourney.

(Photo by Roberta Gideon)

The Elba Lady Tigers posted an exciting 8-4 win over New Brockton last Thursday afternoon in the second round of the Class 2A, Area 4 softball tournament to punch their ticket to Gulf Shores for this weekend's South Region tournament.

The Lady Tigers will be making their first trip to the region tournament since 2012 and will be one of eight teams competing for the right to advance to next weekend's state tournament in Montgomery.

The Lady Tigers batted first in the semifinal match-up and wasted little time getting on the scoreboard as Sandrea Lindsey led off with a double, stole third base and raced home when the throw to third bounced away from the New Brockton third baseman to put Elba on top 1-0.

A two-out single by Kayla Seay ignited a second inning rally that led to a pair of runs and extended the Lady Tigers' lead to 3-0. A walk to Praise Edwards after the Seay single kept the inning alive and a hard grounder by Sandrea Lindsey was misplayed by a New Brockton infielder and allowed both baserunners to cross the plate as Elba upped its lead over the Lady Gamecocks.

New Brockton pulled within 3-2 in its half of the inning on a solo home-run by Bailey Blackmon and two Elba errors, but the Lady Tiger bounced right back in the top of the third and added two runs to regain command with a 5-2 advantage.

A leadoff single by McKenzie Hooks ignited the Elba uprising, while Mckenlie Jerkins followed with an rbi single and A'Maysia Whitfield also delivered an rbi single as the Lady Tigers grabbed a three-run lead.

Elba's Sandrea Lindsey singled, stole second and scored on an rbi single by McKenzie Hooks to up the Lady Tiger lead to 6-2 in the fourth, but New Brockton refused to quit and plated a lone run in the fifth to pull within 6-3 after five innings of play.

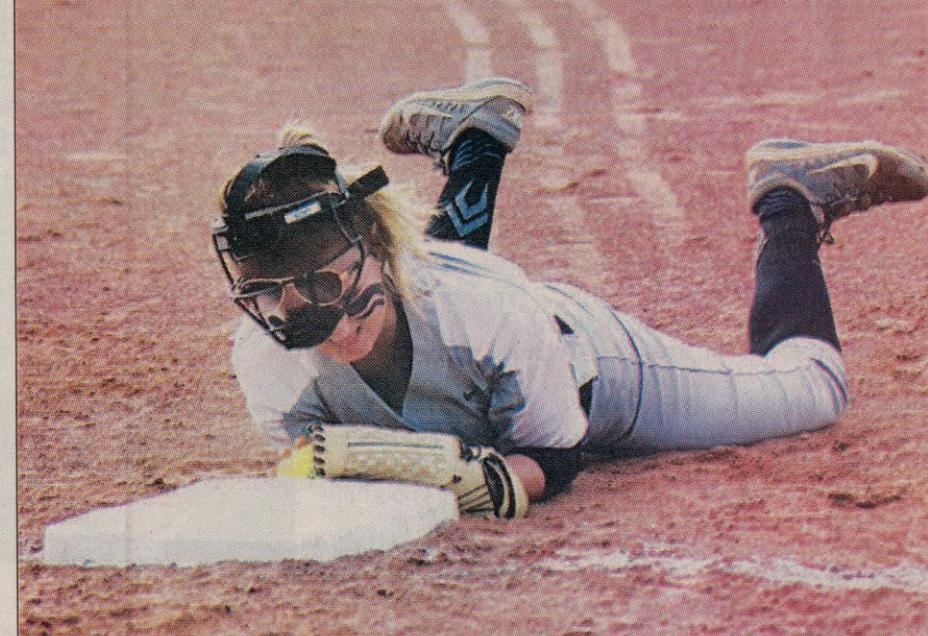
Elba's Sandrea Lindsey led off the sixth with a mammoth home-run over the leftfield fence to put the Lady Tigers up 7-3, and their lead grew to 8-3 in the seventh when McKenzie Hooks reached on an error, moved to second on a walk to Mckenlie Jerkins and raced home on an rbi single by A'Maysia Whitfield.

New Brockton pushed across a run in the bottom of the inning to pull within



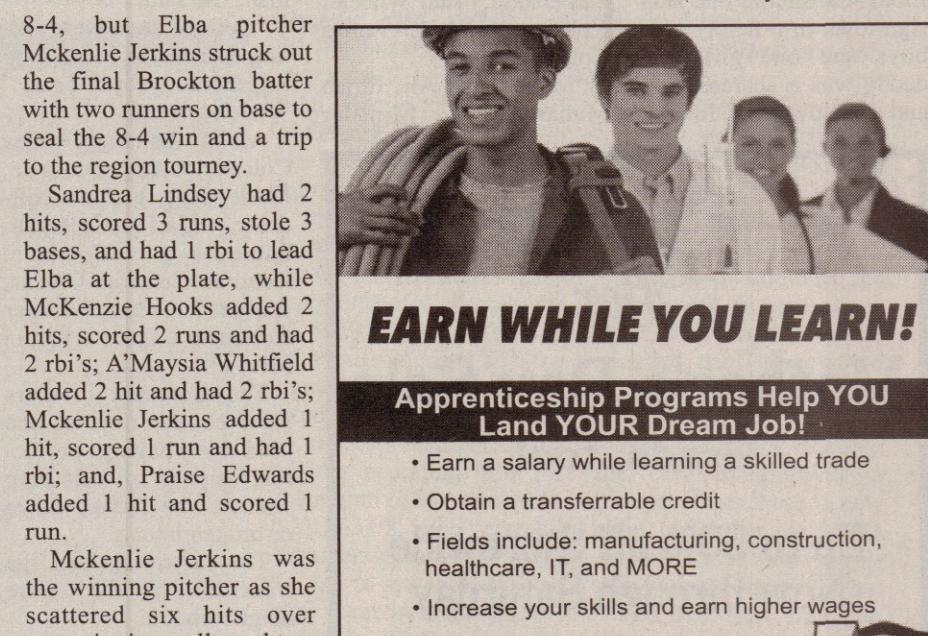
Elba Lady Tiger catcher Zaida Williams tags a runner out at the plate in recent softball action. The Lady Tigers will begin play at the South Region on Thursday at 12:00 against Leroy.

(Photo by Roberta Gideon)



Elba Lady Tiger Kayla Seay dives to tag the base to record an out at first base during recent high school softball action.

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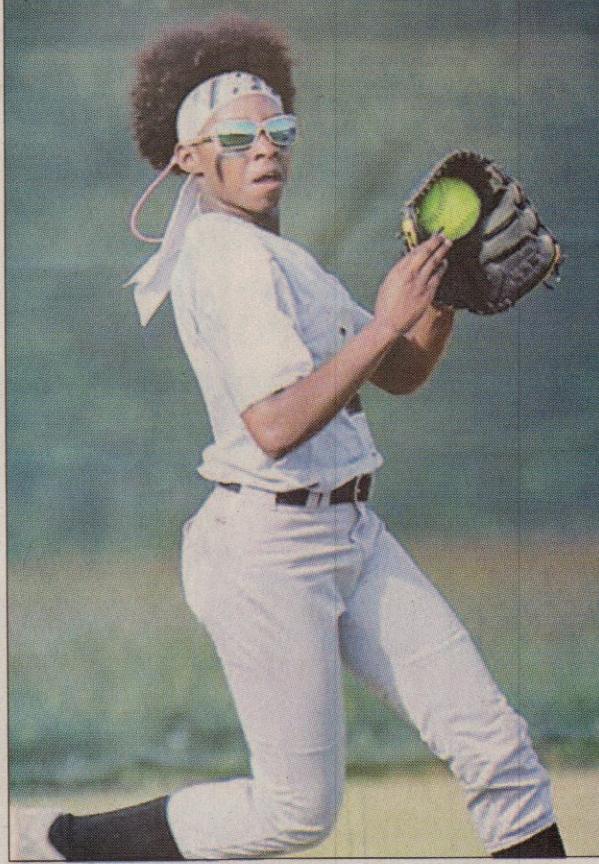
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Elba Lady Tiger Kira Starks makes a running catch of a flyball.

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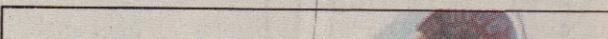
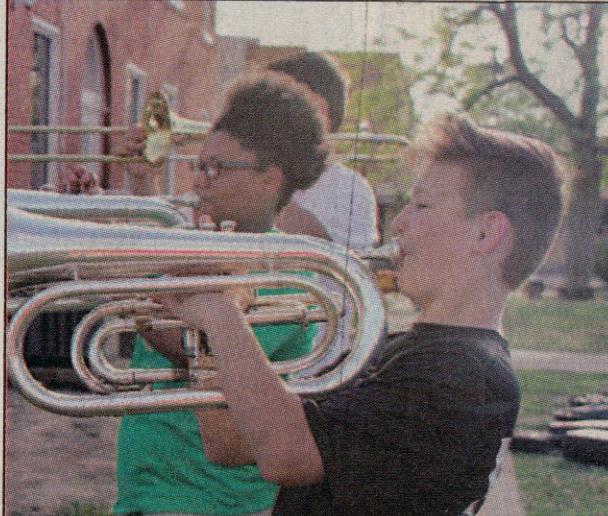
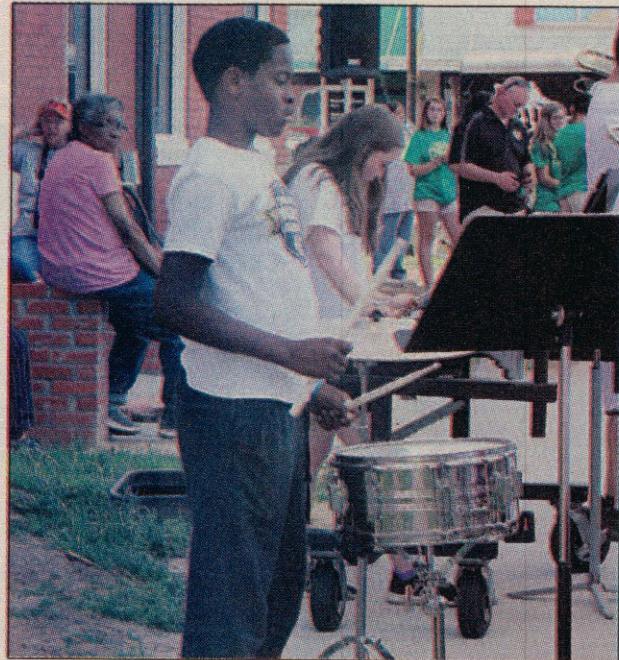
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## Scenes from the Elba "Band Day Celebration" held Friday, May 4th



Elba native and Chicago, Illinois barbershop founder dies at age 88

Chicago Sun Times  
Tuesday, May 8, 2018

An Elba native died recently in Chicago, Ill.

James G. Coleman, founder of Coleman Bros. Barbershop in Chicago, died last Thursday at age 88, according to the Chicago Sun Times on Tuesday of this week.

Coleman, along with his younger brother Richard Coleman, opened the South Side barbershop 56 years ago.

Richard died two years ago.

"My dad grew up in Elba, Alabama, a one stop sign town in a family of 8 boys and one girl. His daddy was a sharecropper and also owned a funeral

home and church. My father worked in the funeral home until he migrated to Chicago to seek a better life," Wheeler Coleman said.

Coleman was part of the Great Migration that saw an estimated 6 million African-Americans pick up and leave the South in search of better opportunities.

His father got his barber's license in 1952 and opened up the barbershop 10 years later with his younger brother, Richard.

"People from all walks of life have been in that barbershop," said Wheeler Coleman, James Coleman's son.

"Muhammad Ali, Elijah Muhammad, Minister



James G. Coleman

Louis Farrakhan, Jesse Jackson, all kinds of politicians, lawyers and doctors as well as the common man," he said.

"Both of them were cutting hair in the same shop together for over 50 years," Wheeler noted.

Along the way, James Coleman and his late wife, Marie Gray, had six children: Carl Coleman, Paulette Coleman, Deborah Coleman-Givens, Barbara Coleman, Wheeler Coleman and Cynthia Mitchell.

The Coleman brothers survived the riots of the '60s by "paying protection" money so their shop wouldn't be burned down or broken into.

They also survived the transition of the entire neighborhood.

Even though the conversations about sports could get heated, Coleman always insisted "respect

for the ladies" in the shop and cursing wasn't allowed, friend Richard Steele said.

"People in the neighborhood looked at Mr. Coleman as the ultimate 'father figure.' A lot of the young men who got their first haircut from Coleman went on to become college and professional athletes," Steele said.

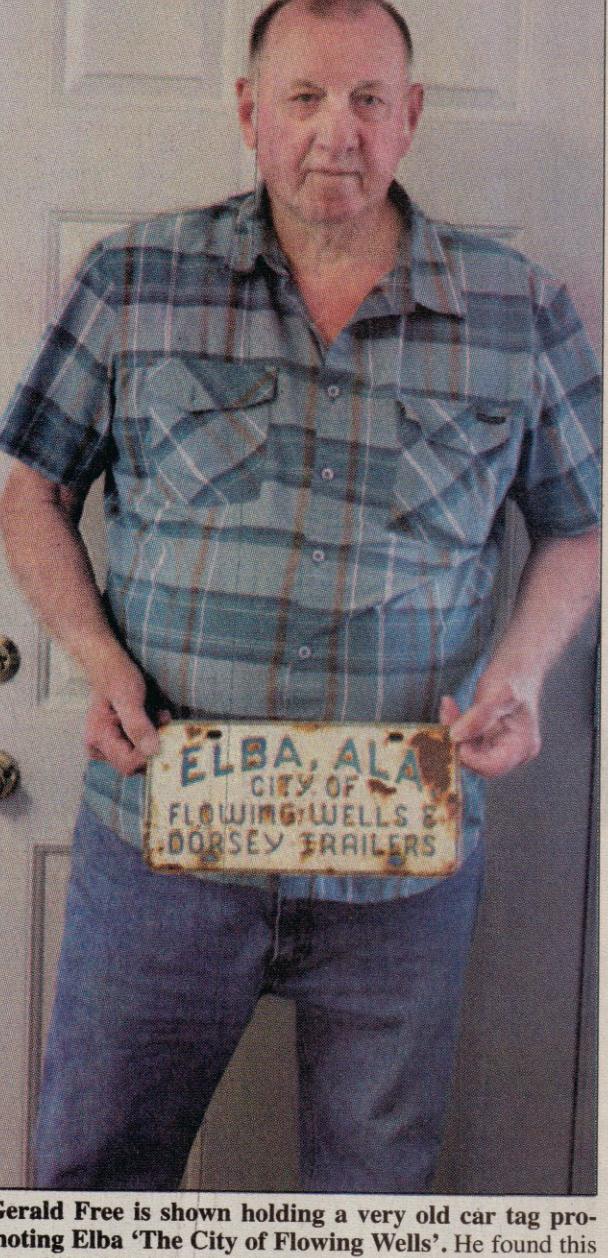
"In the black community, African-American men get a lot of advice from barbers. My father was more than a guy that would cut your hair every week. He was a trusted adviser," Wheeler noted.

Despite his advanced age, James Coleman remained active until the end. He died on Thursday.

"Two days before [James] passed away, he was still cutting hair," Steele said.

"One of his customers came in the barbershop and said: 'Because of your dad, I was able to clean up my life out on the streets. That is why I have a steady job,'" Wheeler said the customer told him.

"He is what I would call a master barber. That was his life. He was still driving. Still giving a straight razor line," he said with a chuckle. "He has been the pillar in this community. No question about that. That barbershop was his life."



Gerald Free is shown holding a very old car tag promoting Elba 'The City of Flowing Wells'. He found this tag while cleaning out the garage of a relative and is curious about the history and age of the tag. Free recalls some local civic organization selling the tags as a fundraiser but the date and name of the organization are things he would like to know. Contact Mr. Free or The Elba Clipper if you can fill in the blanks.

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